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SUBJ: CASTRO'S SPEECH TO SOVIET PARTY CONGRESS

1. SUMMARY. CUBAN PREMIER CASTRO'S FEBRUARY 26 SPEECH TO THE 25TH CPSU CONGRESS REFERRED ONLY IMPLICITLY TO ANGOLA AND THE U.S., CRITICIZED "MAOISTS," AND HEAPED LAVISH PRAISE ON THE SOVIETS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HIS IMPLIED REFERENCE TO ANGOLA, CASTRO SAID THT "NO ONE CAN EXPORT REVOLUTION" BUT ADDED THAT "NO ONE CAN DISTURB PEOPLE IN CARRYING IT OUT." HE LIKewise AVOIDED MENTIONING THE U.S. BY NAME, BUT REFERRED TO THE ESSENTIAL SOVIET ROLE IN AIDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A "SOCIALIST SOCIETY" ONLY 90 MILES FROM THE FORMER OVERLORD OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. HE LUMPED "MAOIST" WITH "BOURGEOIS" AND "FASCIST" EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE SOVIET PRESTIGE AND HEROSIM. CASTRO CONCLUDED WITH A PAEAN OF PRAISE FOR THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH "NEVER PRESENTED ANY SORT OF DEMANDS, NEVER MADE REQUESTS, NEVER POINTED OUT WHAT WE SHOULD DO, WHILE PROVIDING DEFENSIVE AID TO OUR PEOPLE." HE WENT ON TO EXCLAIM THAT NEVER IN ALL HISTORY HAS THERE EXISTED "SUCHE FRATERNAL REALTIONS BETWEEN A POWERFUL COUNTRY AND A SMALL ONE."

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE DELEGATION HAVE BEEN OFFERING
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"THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE" AND STANDING AT THE END OF ALL OF

THE SPEECHES, THEY SEEMED MORE GENUINELY ENTHUSIASTIC
ABOUT CASTRO THAN ABOUT ANY OF THE OTHER GUESTS.
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